

**[Project No. 1991]****City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Notice of Intent to Conduct Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit**

October 22, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is reviewing a proposal to relicense and continue operating the Moyie River Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1991). The project is on the Moyie River a tributary to the Kootenai River. The Moyie River Project is located in Boundary County, Idaho near the town of Moyie Springs, Idaho and is partially located on federal lands managed by the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.

The FERC intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Moyie River Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. In the EA, staff will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A Draft EA will be circulated for review and comment by all interested parties. FERC staff will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EA in the Final EA. The FERC staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

**Scoping:** FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings as follows: (1) a scoping meeting oriented towards the public will begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 19 at the City Hall, 7232 Main Street, Bonners Ferry, Idaho and (2) a scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will begin at 2:00 p.m. on November 20 at City Hall, 7232 Main Street, Idaho.

Interested citizens, non-governmental organizations, local government agencies, state and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and any other interested parties are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the scoping meeting, the FERC will mail a scoping document, outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EA, to all entities on the project's mailing lists. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

**Objectives:** At the scoping meetings, FERC staff will (1) identify preliminary environmental issues related to the

proposed project; (2) attempt to identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resource issues; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

**Procedures:** The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the official record of the Commission proceedings for the relicensing of the Moyie River Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Dockets Room 1A, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426 until December 20, 1996. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Moyie River (No. 1991) Hydroelectric Project.

**Site Visit:** There will also be a tour of the project on November 20, 1996. Those who wish to attend should plan to meet at City hall in Bonners Ferry, Idaho at 10:00 AM on November 20, 1996 and then drive to the Moyie River Project for the site visit.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Looney, FERC, Office of Hydropower Licensing, (202) 219-2852.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**Sunshine Act Meeting**

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** October 30, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2C, Washington, D.C. 20426.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda.

\*Note.—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

Consent Agenda—Hydro, 661st Meeting—October 30, 1996, Regular Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

CAH-1.

Docket # P-11575, 001, Akron Hydroelectric Company

CAH-2.

Omitted

CAH-3.

Docket # P-11408, 002, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

CAH-4.

Docket # P-5, 028, Montana Power Company and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

CAH-5.

Omitted

CAH-6.

Docket # P-2009, 010, Virginia Electric and Power Company

Consent Agenda—Electric

CAE-1.

Docket # ER96-2927, 000, Boston Edison Company

CAE-2.

Docket # ER96-2984, 000, Sierra Pacific Power Company

CAE-3.

Docket # QF95-328, 001, Ecoelectrica, L.P.

CAE-4.

Docket # ER96-2960, 000, Houston Lighting & Power Company

CAE-5.

Docket # ER96-2790, 000, Union Electric Company

CAE-6.

Omitted

CAE-7.

Docket # ER96-2919, 000, Lykes-Duke/Louis Dreyfus, Ltd.

CAE-8.

ET # ER96-2516, 000, Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Delmarva Power & Light Co., et al.

Other#S EC96-28, 000, Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Delmarva Power & Light Company, et al.

EC96-29, 000, Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Delmarva Power & Light Co., et al.

EL96-69, 000, Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and Delmarva Power & Light Co., et al.